(f) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 2.38 crores.

(c) No, Sir. Only those items of furniture which were procured to meet additional requirement and were surplus i.e. beds, bed-side tables, and wooden setties were offered for sale to DDA Employees at 50 per cent of the cost price for used items and 75 per cent of cost price for unused items as approved by the Lt. Governor/Chairman, DDA.

(d) As per Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 41.]

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

Productivity of wheat and rice

1666. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the productivity in wheat and rice is below the world average in spite of the green revolution;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) what efforts have been made to increase production of wheat and rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) A statement giving productivity of wheat and rice in the country vis-a-vis average for the world is as under:

Prdouctivity per Hectare

(*in Kgs.*)

	India (1983-84)	World (1983)
Wheat	1851	2153
Rice (Paddy)	2185	3127

Although India's yields are lower than world average, these have registered significant increases during the past few years, and continue to show positive trend.

(c) Measures taken to increase production and productivity of wheat and rice in the country include—

(i) increase in irrigated area and efficient water management;

(ii) increased use of HYV and certified seeds;

(iii) increased application of fertilisers and adequate plant protection measures;

(iv) development of technology suitable for problematic areas;

(v) launching of special rice production programme in Eastern States; and

(vi) adoption of appropriate pricing and procurement policies etc.

Slum dwellers in Calcutta

1667. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of slum and jhuggi dwellers in Calcutta during the last three years; and